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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRENCH MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS SHOE
INDUSTRY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4940

1. SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT FRANCE IS
PRESSING HARD TO TAKE UNILATERAL MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS DO-
MESTIC SHOE INDUSTRY FROM ITALIAN IMPORTS. FRENCH AUTHORITIES
HINTED OF POSSIBLE MEASURES AT THE MAY 17 COUNCIL MEETING.
(SEE REFTEL.) GOF IS REPORTEDLY POSING THIS AS A POLITICAL
PROBLEM. GISCARD ALLEGEDLY NEEDS TO SHORE UP SMALL FRENCH SHOE
MANUFACTURERS IN RURAL AREAS IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS MAJORITY
IN THE PARLIAMENT.

2. THE COMMISSION, WE ARE TOLD, WANTS TO AVOID FRENCH QUOTAS
ON SHOES AND IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.
A HIGH LEVEL FRENCH DELEGATION PLANS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE MEAS-
URES WITH THE COMMISSION ON MAY 27.HINTON

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